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THE LAW SCHOOL. — The Law School opened on the first Monday in October, with the largest entering class in the School's history. The proportion, too, of second and first year students who have returned is unusually large. Full statistics will appear in the December number.

The continued illness of Professor Williston, a matter of sincere regret to all interested in the School, has made necessary a change in the curriculum as given out in the annual announcement. Professor Ames again has charge of Contracts, and Professor Beale of Pleading. Professor Williams is conducting Bills and Notes, and Mr. Charles B. Barnes, Jr., LL.B. 1893, is giving Suretyship, which this year is open to second as well as third year students. Mr. Ezra R. Thayer, LL.B. 1891, is conducting a course on Massachusetts Practice.

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THE NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS LAW. — Diversity in the commercial laws of our different States has been the source not only of much inconvenience, but of inextricable confusion and of great loss to business interests. Upon some of the most important subjects, legislatures and courts have established several conflicting rules, and in some instances Federal and State courts have held contrary views in regard to the same question in the same jurisdiction. Especially perplexing and unsuited to our needs as a commercial country has been the law governing negotiable paper. Yet considering the vast amount of interstate business transacted by means of this form of currency, and the ever increasing disregard of State lines by commercial enterprise, there is in this subject the greatest need of simplicity and uniformity.

Happily, effective measures have been adopted during the last few years to change this unfortunate condition of affairs. In many of the States, for the sake of uniformity, days of grace have been abolished, and the holiday laws have been so modified as to make paper maturing on